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SUBJECT: EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 146681

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED IN REPLY TO THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFTEL, AND IS KEYED TO THE ITEM OUTLINE CONTAINED IN PARA 3.

2. AS A PREFACE TO THE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, SOME GENERAL COMMENTS ON PARAGUAY'S EXPORT RESTRICTIONS ARE IN ORDER. EXPORT TAXES AND DUTIES REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT PORTION OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES AMOUNTING TO APPROXIMATELY 7 PERCENT, I.E., \$8 MILLION LAST YEAR. ALTHOUGH EXPORT CERTIFICATES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ISSUED AUTOMATICALLY, THE FACT THAT SOME 85 SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED FREQUENTLY MEANS THAT A "SWEETENER" MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE EXPORTER. IN SOME INSTANCES WHERE THE COMMODITY TO BE EXPORTED IS RESTRICTED, A PERMIT USUALLY MUST BE "BOUGHT". THE PRICE VARIES BETWEEN 5 AND 10 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE MERCHANDISE.

3. DESCRIPTION OF EXPORT RESTRICTION MEASURES:

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SEED CAKE AND EXPELLER	2.5 PERCENT	2.8 PERCENT
VEGETABLE OIL (EDIBLE AND UNED)		
CRUDE	2.5 PERCENT	2.8 PERCENT
REFINED	0	2.8 PERCENT
PETIT GRAIN (ESSENTIAL OIL)		
CRUDE	10.0 PERCENT	2.8 PERCENT
REDISTILLED	7.5 PERCENT	2.8 PERCENT
DETERPENATED	0	2.8 PERCENT
SUGAR	0	2.8 PERCENT
COFFEE (BEANS)	6 PERCENT	2.8 PERCENT
(TOASTED BEANS)	3.5 PERCENT	2.8 PERCENT
TOBACCO	5.0 PERCENT	2.8 PERCENT
TANIN (QUEBRACHO EXTRACT)	2.5 PERCENT	2.8 PERCENT
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	0	2.8 PERCENT
GRAINS	10.0 PERCENT	2.8 PERCENT
HEART OF PALM (CANNED)	6.0 PERCENT	2.8 PERCENT

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(3) EXPORT QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS:

(A) QUOTAS:

MEAT PRODUCTS - THE GOP ANNUALLY SETS THE NUMBER OF CATTLE
TO BE SLAUGHTERED FOREXPORT.

OIL SEEDS

SUGAR

COW HIDES
WILD ANIMAL SKINS
VEGETABLE (EDIBLE) OIL

(B) TOTAL EMBARGO:

LOGS -
CATTLE ON THE HOOF

(4) DE FACTO CONTROLS: NONE

C. DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF RESTRICTIVE MEASURES (BY TYPE):

(1) EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS:

THE SYSTEM OF "EXPORT PERMITS", "CERTIFICATES", ETC. HAS
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BEEN IN FORCE FOR YEARS.

(2) EXPORT TAXES AND FEES:

PARAGUAY HAS LEVIED TAXES AND FEES ON EXPORTS SINCE
THE TIME OF ITS INDEPENDENCE.

(3) EXPORT QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS:

IN FORCE FOR MANY YEARS. THE TOTAL EMBARGO ON LOG EXPORTS
BEGAN IN 1972. THE EMBARGO ON EXPORTS OF CATTLE ON THE
HOOF IS OVER TEN YEARS OLD.

(4) DE FACTO CONTROLS: NONE

D. DURATION

(1) TEMPORARY: QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS ARE
THEORETICALLY TEMPORARY, BUT IN FACT ARE INDEFINITE BECAUSE
THEY ARE RENEWED YEAR AFTER YEAR.

(2) INDEFINITE: THE EMBARGO ON LOG EXPORTS IS PERMANENT.

E. REASONS FOR INTRODUCTION OF EXPORT CONTROL MEASURE.

(1) MAINTAIN DOMESTIC SUPPLIES IN CASE OF SHORTAGES:
QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON THE EXPORT OF FOODSTUFFS
AND RELATED RAW MATERIALS, SUCH AS OIL SEEDS, ARE
ESTABLISHED TO MAINTAIN DOMESTIC SUPPLIES AT A MINIMUM
LEVEL.

(2) STABILIZE DOMESTIC PRICES AND COMBAT INFLATION:

FOR FOODSTUFFS AND RELATED RAW MATERIALS:

(3) PROTECT OR ENCOURAGE INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING:

EMBARGO ON LOG EXPORTS AND CATTLE ON THE HOOF

(4) PROTECT NON-RENEWABLE NATIONAL RESOURCES: APPLIES
TO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON WILD ANIMAL SKINS.
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(5) COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS: NONE

(6) ALIGN EXPORT PRICES WITH WORLD MARKET PRICES:

NON CONSIDERED.

(7) INCREASE EXPORT EARNINGS OR FISCAL RECEIPTS:

ALL EXPORT TAXES AND FEES ARE ESTABLISHED BASICALLY
TO OBTAIN FISCAL REVENUES. DIRECT AND INDIRECT
EXPORT TAXES AND FEES REPRESENT ABOUT 7 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL
REVENUES OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

(8) OTHER: NONE

F. COMMENT ON EFFECT ON TRADE

(1) DISTORTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE: NONE

PARAGUAY'S EXPORTS, IN VOLUME AND VALUE, ARE IN-
SIGNIFICANT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF TOTAL WORLD TRADE.
HOWEVER, THE TAXES DO FREQUENTLY ADVERSELY AFFECT
THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OF PARAGUAYAN PRODUCTS IN
THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET.

(2) ADVERSE EFFECT ON US TRADE: NONE.
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